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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BARTLETT ET AL.

Examiner

Ryan D. Kwiecinski

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-13 and 18-29 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 14-17 and 30-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 16 November 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that Figures 4A-4C are alternative views of the embodiment of Figure 3. This is not found persuasive because Figures 4A-4C are alternative embodiments of the spline member of the stile of Figure 3.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 1-5, 14-17, and 30-32 have been examined in this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by 2002/0121071 A1 to Heung-Bin.

Claim 1:

Heung-Bin discloses edge construction for a door, the door having a first edge and a second edge (left and right edges of doors in Fig.3), the edge construction comprising:

a first straight edge member (10, Fig.1) forming a permanent (11, Fig.1) part of said door, and

a second straight member (20, Fig.1) disposed adjacent and exterior to one of the first (exterior the first edge, Fig.1) or second edges of said door, the second straight member being removably attached (tongue and groove, Fig.1) to said first member,

whereby said second member may be readily removed from said door and replaced with a member similar to said member. (this is a recitation of intended use of the second member and does not provide further structure to the second member/door)

Claim 2:

Heung-Bin discloses edge construction of claim 1 wherein said first and second members are of the same length (extend the length of the door edge, Fig.3).

Claim 3:

Heung-Bin discloses edge construction of claim 1 wherein said first and second members are coupled together by a tongue and groove connection (20c,20g,10a,10b, Fig.2) extending along their lengths.

Claim 4:

Heung-Bin discloses edge construction of claim 1 further comprising a cover (30, Fig.2) having outer edges (narrow outer edges of 30, Fig.2), said cover disposed over at least part of an outer surface (20e, Fig.2) of said second member.

Claim 5:

Heung-Bin discloses edge construction of claim 4 wherein said cover is removable from said member (the strip goes into the groove and may be adhered for an improved sealing effect).

Claim 31:

Heung-Bin discloses edge construction of claim 1, further comprising a third straight member (door edge opposite 10,20, Fig.3), wherein the second straight member is disposed adjacent and exterior to the first edge and the third straight member is disposed adjacent and exterior to the second edge (the door edge opposite 10,20, Fig.3, is located adjacent and exterior the second edge of the door) of the door.

Claim 30:

Heung-Bin discloses an edge construction for a door, the door having a hinged edge and a free edge, the edge construction comprising:

a first straight member forming a permanent part of said door (10, Fig.1),
a second straight member (20, Fig.1) disposed adjacent the free edge of
said door and removably attached (tongue and groove connection, Fig.1) to said
first member,

whereby said second straight member may be readily removed from said
door and replaced with a member similar to said second member. (this is a
recitation of intended use of the second member and does not provide further
structure to the second member/door).

**Claim 14 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by
US 6,643,991 B1 to Moyes.**

Claim 14:

Moyes discloses in a rectangular door (Fig.1) having vertical and
horizontal edges, an edge construction for a vertical edge of said door
comprising:

a longitudinal groove (305, Fig.5B) formed in an outer surface of said
vertical edge (305', Fig.5B),

a separate stile member (302, Fig. 5B) disposed adjacent and exterior to
the vertical edge of said door and having a length substantially the same as said
vertical edge and having a longitudinal spline (304, Fig.5B) formed along one
surface thereof,

said spline mating with said groove in said vertical edge to form a tongue-and-groove (Fig.5B) coupling between said vertical edge and said separate stile member, and

a cover member (310, Fig.5B) over an extension surface of said stile member.

Claim 32:

Moyes discloses the edge construction of claim 14, wherein the rectangular door has a second vertical edge (vertical member opposite 302, Fig.5B) with a groove therein and a second stile member with a spline formed along a surface thereof, wherein the spline is in mating cooperation with the groove of said second vertical edge (opposite stile member has same construction as 302, Fig.5B) .

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,643,991 B1 to Moyes in view of US 2002/0124497 A1 to Fortin et al.

Claim 15:

Moyes discloses the door edge construction of claim 14 but does not disclose a removable fastening means releasably securing said stile member to said vertical edge.

Fortin et al. discloses a removable fastening means (52, Fig.2) releasably securing said stile member to said vertical edge.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have fastened the stile to the vertical edge by means of a releasable fastener such as a screw taught by Fortin et al. Using a screw to secure a stile in place of or in addition to the adhesive used in the door of Moyes will increase the structural integrity of the door. Using mechanical fasteners to secure stiles to cores is notoriously well known in the art.

Claims 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,643,991 B1 to Moyes in view of US 3,271,919 to Olton.

Claim 16:

Moyes discloses the door edge construction of claim 14 but does not disclose wherein said cover member is formed of a resilient material shaped to conform to outer contour of said stile member.

Olton discloses said cover member is formed of a resilient material (Column 5, lines 70-74) shaped to conform (Column 2, lines 70-72) to the outer contour of said stile member.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have formed the cover member out of a resilient material taught by Olton in order to allow the cover member to engage with stile members of different shapes and to better protect the stile members. A cover member that conforms to the shape of the stile will be more securely attached to the stile member.

Claim 17:

Moyes in view of Olton discloses the door edge construction of claim 16, Olton also discloses said cover member (14, Fig.3) is formed with inwardly extending flanges (20,21, Fig.3) along its outer edges, and the stile member has longitudinal slots (28,29, Fig.3) on either side thereof adapted to receive said flanges.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan D. Kwiecinski whose telephone number is (571)272-5160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on (571)272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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